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Washington, DC 20036
Via Hand & Electronic Delivery

Subject:

AST Telecom LLC d/b/a Blue Sky Communications Annual State Certification for High Cost Support CC Docket No. 96-45

Dear Ms. Dortch and Ms. Majoher:

Enclosed for filing is the High Cost Universal Service Support Certification pertaining to AST Telecom LLC d/b/a Blue Sky Communications executed by Governor Togiola T.A. Tulafono in his capacity as Telecommunications Regulatory Commissioner for American Samoa, which certification is required in conjunction with CC Docket No. 96-45.

Given our remote location in the South Pacific and only two outgoing mail flights per week, it is unlikely that the original certification will arrive prior to the October 1st filing deadline, which concerns me. Consequently, I am kindly requesting that a facsimile and/or electronic copy of the certificate be accepted as compliance with timely filing subject to and pending receipt of the original certification which will be transmitted by priority mail.

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Your understanding and indulgence in this matter is truly appreciated as well as your assistance.

Sincerely,

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Chief Legal Counsel

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cc: Li'a Tufele, Jr., AST Telecom L.L.C.

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TELECOMMUNICATIONS REGULATORY COMMISSIONER CERTIFICATION BY REGULATORY AUTHORITY

I, Togiola T.A. Tulafono, hereby certify that I am the Governor of American Samoa and that I am authorized to execute this certification as the Telecommunications Regulatory Commissioner of the Territory of American Samoa.

Furthermore, with reference to CC Docket No. 96-45, I hereby certify to the best of my knowledge, information and belief, that all federal high cost support received by AST Telecom LLC d/b/a Blue Sky Communications (SPIN 143029520, SAC 679000) will be used for the provision, maintenance, and updating of facilities and services for which the support is intended consistent with Section 254(a) of the Communications Act of 1934, as amended

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TOGIOLATA. TULAPONO

Subscribed, Sworn to and Acknowledged before me this 15th day of September 2008.

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